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ANNALS

OF THE

CINCINNATI HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

“To gather from still living witnesses, and preserve for the future annalist, the important records of the teeming and romantic PAST; to seize while yet warm and glowing, and inscribe upon the page, which shall be sought hereafter, the bright visions of song, and fair images of story, that gild the gloom and lighten the sorrows of the ever-fleeting PRESENT; to search all history with a steady eye, sound all philosophy with a careful hand, question all experience with a fearless tongue, and thence draw lessons to fit us for, and light to guide us through, the shadowed but unknown future.”

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The officers of the Cincinnati Historical Society, constituting its Executive Council, for the purpose of advancing the welfare of the society, have prepared the following circulars to historical societies, and individuals.

Associations and gentlemen that receive this pamphlet will please give their more particular attention to the circular which may be addressed to them.

JAMES H. PERKINS,	}	<i>Executive Council.</i>
JOHN P. FOOTE,		
WM. D. GALLAGHER,		
E. P. NORTON,		
HARVEY HALL,		
C. WHITTLESEY,		
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CIRCULAR TO HISTORICAL SOCIETIES.

The Executive Committee of the Cincinnati Historical Society address you for the purpose of producing between your society and that for which they act, that interchange of reciprocities by which the usefulness of institutions of this nature is essentially advanced.

To gather the memorials of the past and preserve them in proper repositories is the object of historical societies. The importance of organizing and giving efficiency to institutions of this kind, must be evident to all who are conscious of the value of history as an element of human knowledge. It is by such employment of the present that the future is most enriched by contributions from the past, and posterity enabled to rely, in its efforts to obtain information of the deeds of men and the providences of God, upon something more than obscure traditions or unauthenticated mementos.

With a conviction that institutions of this character are singularly adapted to the cultivation of one of the most noble of all sciences, the members of the Cincinnati Historical Society have associated themselves together. From the position of their city they feel that they can be of service in their attempt to collect materials for western history, and thus save from destruction the records of an interesting portion of our common country.

While it will be their desire to obtain as many works on general history as can be procured, it will be their more particular endeavor to amass those historical facts which will serve to illustrate the history of a region upon whose soil the savage so recently trod.

Our society is in its infancy, and will require the exertions of its members and the support of friends to give it a vigorous growth. At present it has no building, but we hope one will soon be erected adequate to an extensive library. About three hundred volumes have been already collected, which we trust will be a nucleus for a larger collection of historical works of every kind ; both those referring to our own country, and those which relate to the history of the various portions of the world.

Whatever assistance you may give us in our enterprise by the donation of books, antiquities, and manuscripts, we will be grateful for, and a reciprocation of your kindnesses shall be made as soon as we acquire the ability. We have about one hundred and fifty sets, five volumes in each set, of the Transactions of the Western College of Teachers, containing nearly two thousand pages, presenting a history of the progress of education in the West, and containing a number of valuable essays, which we will forward in exchange, for any Transactions of historical societies, or other works that kindred Associations may present to us.

CIRCULAR TO INDIVIDUALS.

Sir :

THE Executive Committee of this Association address you personally upon a subject of unusual interest, believing it to be in your power and in accordance with your inclination to assist us in gathering up the fugitive historical records of the West.

You will observe, by our Constitution and Laws, that we shall not only collect and preserve this kind of information, but intend to disseminate the same, whenever it is appropriate and interesting.

OUR PUBLICATIONS.

We expect to be able to publish the most valuable manuscripts that come into our possession, and to *reprint* many of those rare and ancient historical works and pamphlets no longer to be found in book stores.

Those who forward us documents, books, maps, descriptions of antiquities, antique implements, manuscripts, original or copied, letters of interest or any other valuable paper or article will receive, in such manner as they may direct, equivalent publications of our own.

DIFFICULTY OF PROCURING BOOKS, ETC.

To accomplish our object we very much need individual assistance. The written and published matter relating to western history, though respectable, is not voluminous; but

it is scattered so widely, and has, most of it been so long out of print that the great difficulty is in searching it out. For this purpose we invite the attention of all those who look with pride upon the doings of our pioneer fathers and the civil dominion which they established here.

If you cannot furnish anything of importance will you not inform us of the existence of such materials as are within your knowledge.

NECESSITY OF SUCH A COLLECTION.

There is not, so far as we know, a single library in the West where all the works relating to its early occupation by civilized man may be found. They are scattered throughout the world, but perhaps nowhere collected in one library. Many of them are to be found upon the shelves of private libraries one volume in a place, not valued in itself, because too meagre and imperfect, and are thus suffered to remain in obscurity until finally dispersed or lost. We wish to arrest this process; although a *single* pamphlet or book is not an object of much importance, but when a thousand books are united in a cabinet they derive value from each other, forming a complete department of history.

KIND OF MATERIALS WANTED.

It is not in printed books alone that history is to be found; all manuscripts or copies of manuscripts of a historical or biographical character; newspapers or scraps of newspapers containing striking personal incidents or narrations; letters, or copies of letters of the same kind; the stories of the pioneers reduced to writing; the first settlement of your town, city, or county; when it took place; whence came the emigrants; what peculiar circumstance attended the location; your first churches, schools, mills, court house; notices of prominent settlers deceased; of the hardships and dangers they underwent. Every thing of this nature will be within the scope of our designs, because valuable not only to ourselves and our fellow-citizens, but to all posterity.

THE INDIAN RACE.

We are particularly desirous to do justice to our predecessors, the Indians, and, for that purpose, shall endeavor to snatch the few fragments concerning them, still in existence among the whites, before they are irretrievably lost. We wish you to give us what you may personally know or can collect of others respecting their prominent chiefs, sachems, and orators, their songs and civil regulations, their wars, ancient residences, numbers, ancestry, alliances, and present condition.

RACE OF THE MOUNDS.

Are there within your knowledge ancient mounds, walls, ditches, pyramids, or excavations, which you can describe, with the implements or utensils found in them? If you are unable to give a drawing and description in detail, will you inform us where they are situated and who would be likely to give us an account of them?

EDITORS OF NEWSPAPERS.

You may do us much good with little labor by forwarding to our address all papers that contain articles of the kind above alluded to, to be preserved and arranged in our Library; and for such favors you will be remembered in our distributions.

HOW TO FORWARD.

Communications, when sent by mail, may be directed to the Society, care of A. RANDALL, Librarian; packages, the same, care of R. BUCHANAN, Columbia Street, between Main and Sycamore: or, when more convenient, they may be left with the Receiving Officers.

ting in the business of any meeting. If said signing be neglected longer than six months they shall be considered as declining the election.

ARTICLE XIII.

Corresponding Members are required to signify their acceptance, in writing, on receiving notice of their election. They will be expected to represent the Society in their vicinity, and to furnish annually something valuable for the Library or Cabinet.